

Lake Hood User Group Meeting March 28, 2013

The Spring 2013 Lake Hood User Group Meeting was well attended, with special thanks to our hosts from the Alaska Aviation Museum. We received a great welcome from Sherri Hart, the Museum Director, who reminded us all of the value of having the museum right in our midst. The meeting was a combined LHD/FAA effort with the annual FAA Lake Hood Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) comprising the first half, followed by presentations and discussions on Lake Hood ongoing and past business, updates, planned construction activities, staff reports from Airport Police, Field Maintenance and Airport Operations and general comments and questions.

Representatives from several agencies and associations were able to join us, including: Cathy Gleason, President Turnagain Community Council; Bob Lewis, FAA Alaskan Region Regional Administrator; John Parrott, Airport Manager Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport; Scott Christy, President Lake Hood Pilot Association; Dee Hanson, Executive Director Alaska Airmen's Association; and many others.

FAA Lake Hood Seaplane Base Local Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) Meeting

The FAA RSAT Presentation comprised the first part of the gathering covering:

- National Runway Safety Trends – provided an overview of the RSAT process, runway incursion definitions, and a breakout of the statistics, stressing continuing to work on decreasing the overall numbers of incursions.
- Lake Hood Runway and Surface Incidents – recent incidents were reviewed
- Discussion Items
 - Lake Hood Seaplane Base takes any incursion into aircraft operating areas very seriously and we are committed to enhancing public protection. We are committed to providing a safe and appropriate facility for Lake Hood users and welcome suggestions and improvements.
 - Local procedures: Pilots were requested to review and adhere to local procedures. When in doubt, or with special requests, please call the ANC ATCT (907) 271-6549. Two examples cited from the group were North Pothole Landings and Lake Spenard Landing from the South.
 - Lake Hood Decision Matrix: The [Condition Matrix for NOTAMs on Lake Hood](http://dot.state.ak.us/anc/business/generalAviation/) was successfully implemented last winter. Safe, well considered operations for users, maintainers, responders and the general public remain the bottom line. Ice depth and condition assessment are important factors to take into account in exercising pilot-in-command judgment. The Condition Matrix is available on the ANC General Aviation Website under Lake Hood Ski Operations. <http://dot.state.ak.us/anc/business/generalAviation/> or contact the Lake Hood Office.
 - FAA Airport Design Geometry Recommendations were reviewed.

- The LHD pilot community was urged to continue to inform and educate their passengers and clients on safe pedestrian and vehicle operations around the airport.
- Chickaloon Departure. An FAA video presentation of the Chickaloon Departure was screened at the end of the RSAT. The presentation is available on the ANC General Aviation Website <http://dot.state.ak.us/anc/business/generalAviation/>, or contact the Lake Hood Office (907) 266-2410

Inquiries about the RSAT or requests for documentation, handouts, slides, and videos can be made by contacting the Lake Hood Office: DOT.AIA.LHD.Office@alaska.gov; (907) 266-2410 or directly from the FAA, Ingrid Rinker: Ingrid.Rinker@faa.gov; (907) 271-1591

Previous Business

- Lake Shore Taxiway and Uncontrolled Ground Advisory Radio
 - Lake Hood Seaplane Base and the FAA had been asked to look into providing a local, voluntary, non-controlled ground traffic advisory frequency. FAA pointed out that a Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF) was not an appropriate means of providing that function at an airfield with a functioning fulltime ATCT. Lake Hood wheeled taxiways, such as Lake Shore Taxiway are uncontrolled; exercise proper caution during all taxi operations, particularly where there may be limited lines of sights and/or multidirectional and/or varied aircraft, vehicle, pedestrian, etc. users. For further discussion on local procedures or frequencies please contact the Lake Hood Manager (907) 266-2741 or the ANC ATCT (907) 271-6549.
 - Separately, it was noted that LHD does not have a UNICOM frequency. According we are investigating obtaining a UNICOM frequency and will report back.
- Sport Pilot
 - Lake Hood is sponsoring a proposed revision to the Alaska Administrative Code to incorporate the Sport Pilot Category into Lake Hood Permit Guidance. The proposal has completed Public Notice and is undergoing Legislative Agency review. We expect to be able to complete the process by the end of the year.
- LHD/Z41 Combination
 - The Z41 identifier will be consolidated into a single LHD identifier. The change should be largely transparent to the user. Expected this to be accomplished before the end of the year.

Construction Update

- **East Airpark Storm Drain Project (2013)**

- The East Airpark Storm Drain project will involve construction and tie down displacements from: Alpha, Bravo and Charlie parking. This project will improve drainage control from the east side of ANC and improve drainage water handling in the future. It will require temporary relocation of aircraft, in stages from each of Alpha, Bravo and Charlie Parking. Timeframes and movement plans are currently under development. We'll give as much notice as we can before anyone has to temporarily relocate & Relocation Notifications will be send out well before each stage.

- **Lake Hood Phases (planned) -- June-September 2013**

- **Alpha Parking - Relocate in June**; expected return by end July or early August
- **Bravo Parking - Relocate in June or July**; expected return in August
- **Charlie Parking - Relocate in August**; expected return in September or October

Please note: all dates subject to change

- **Temporary Relocations**

- Permit Holder Relocation Notifications – first wave - start sending out in April/May for the June relocations
- Every applicable permit holder will be sent a Relocation Notice assigning a Temporary Tie-down Location along with “Must Move-by” & “Return” dates
- Temporary Tie-Downs will include currently Vacant Spots, Transient Parking and Temporary Parking Lots
- Note: For our newcomers and visitors, regrettably Tie-down Vacancies & Transient Parking will be in very short supply summer 2013

Note: The first round of relocations will start in June and continue in stages – your Relocation Notification will explain when you must move and where your temporary tie-down is located

Please contact the Lake Hood Office at (907) 266-2741 or (907) 266-2410 with any questions or concerns.

- **Future Construction (2014+)**

- Tentative -- A/B Parking Repave & add Electrical – pending funding and approval

Tie down reminders and updates

- Tie down/Float slip inspection and maintenance policy
 - Users were reminded of the importance of keeping a close eye on tie down condition. Tie downs are susceptible to wear, tear and corrosion. Tie down condition is the permit holder's responsibility. It is the permit holder's responsibility to inspect their tie downs and notify the airport of discrepancies or concerns. The airport will assist where and when feasible.
 - Lake Spaces
 - The permit holders of lake spaces will be responsible for acquiring and installing tie down anchors for installation in the water and on the shore. The airport may assist permit holders installing their anchors if requested. In some cases the airport may not be able to assist due to obstacles that prevent access for the required equipment. It will be the permit holder's responsibility to call for locates prior to the installation of anchors.
 - Wheel Spaces
 - It will be the permit holder's responsibility to inspect their anchors and notify the airport of discrepancies or concerns. The airport will test or replace anchors when notified of concerns. The permit holder will be responsible for relocating their aircraft to allow the work to be accomplished. If the anchors are not able to be replaced due to frozen ground conditions the permit holder may request an alternate space or utilize a weighted tie down until such time the replacement of the anchor can be accomplished. The weighted tie down will be the responsibility of the permit holder.

Comments/Questions

Q: Is dredging going to be available this summer?

A: Should be, time and conditions permitting. Please forward any dredging requests to the Lake Hood Manager at (907) 266-2741. Dredging requests will be addressed as feasible.

Q: Are the Web Cameras operational?

A: Cameras currently are not properly operational due to bandwidth limitations. A long term solution is desired; however funding is not currently available and we are striving for interim work around solutions to provide usable web imagery for our users.

Q: Are there any current plans to have the Public Float Ramp Dock and the Hood Strip Pilot Shelter repaired or maintained in the near future?

A: Routine repair/maintenance is expected. Please relay any concerns or observations to the Lake Hood Manager at (907) 266-2741. All facilities require upkeep from time to time, and we will certainly review the Public Float Ramp Dock and the Hood Strip Pilot Shelter.

Attendees

Cathy Gleason, President Turnagain Community Council
Bob Lewis, FAA Regional Administrator, Alaska
John Parrott, Airport Manager Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (TSAIA)
Paul Bowers, Airport Manager Merrill Field
Scott Christy, President Lake Hood Pilot Association
Dee Hanson, Executive Director Alaska Airmen's Association
Mike Reeve, Owner, Reeve Air
Bill Floyd, Owner, Lake Hood Inn
Elwood Brehmer, AK Journal of Commerce

Gregory Holt, FAA Deputy Regional Administrator, Alaska
Kent Peterson, FAA Anchorage District ATM
Gabriel Mahns, FAA Airports Division
Ingrid Rinker, FAA Runway Safety Office
Dave Chilson, FAA, ANC ATCT
Gordon Edmiston, FAA ANC ATCT
Colby Snow, FAA, Anchorage ATCT
Maurice Hendrickson, FAA FFAST Team
Robin Broomfield, FAA FSDO
Kauai Hayden, FAA Anchorage ATCT

Jim Seeley, Lake Hood Pilots Association
Mark Madden, Lake Hood Pilots Association
Seung-Kyun Shin, Alaska DOT&PF
Jon Knowles, Alaska DOT&PF
Bill Floyd, Pilot
Suzanne Rebich, Pilot
Tom Lovas, Pilot
Steve Fishback, Pilot
Steven Lematta, Pilot
Sterling Larson, Chugach Electric
Merle Akers, Pilot
Mary O'Connor, CDC / NIOSH, Pilot

Zaramie Lindseth, TSAIA
Tim Luffkin, TSAIA
John Stocker, TSAIA
Brienna Demeris, TSAIA
Dave Schulling, TSAIA
Kimber Amundsen, Lake Hood Office
Tim Coons, Lake Hood Manager

Attachments:

1. Lake Hood User Group Meeting Slides
2. FAA RSAT Meeting Slides & Minutes
3. FAA Chickaloon Departure Video

All attachments available on the ANC General Aviation Website

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